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## IN THE CLAIMS

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Claims 1 and 2 (Cancelled).

3. (Currently amended) The method for inventory control of a plurality of reels of detonating cord comprising;

providing numerical markings at equally spaced increments on lengths of detonating cord coiled on each reel, the numerical markings providing a visual indication of detonating cord remaining on each reel, said markings decreasing from the free end of said cord to the core of the reel,

withdrawing successive segments of detonating cord from ~~a reel~~ one of said reels so that the marking appearing near ~~[[the]]~~ one of said free end of the detonating cord ~~remaining stored~~ on ~~[[that]]~~ said reel provides a visual indication of the detonating length remaining on that particular reel,

whereby one can visually determine upon inspection of each individual reel whether sufficient detonating cord remains on that reel to satisfy a particular job requirement for a detonating cord segment of predetermined length.

4. (Currently amended) An inventory control system comprising; a plurality of reels having detonating cord coiled thereon, each of said reels having ~~indeterminate~~ a length of detonating cord coiled thereon, said detonating cord having incremental markings decreasing from the free end to the core of said reel to provide a visual indication of the length of detonating cord on each reel, whereby each reel can be inspected visually to determine whether it has sufficient detonating cord remaining to satisfy a particular job requirement for a predetermined length segment of such detonating cord.